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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1050  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Stanley B. "Skeeter"  
Shields of Maryville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of former Maryville Mayor, Mr. Stanley B. Shields; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shields was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Walland, Mr. Shields was born on August 10, 1916 and moved to Maryville at the age of eighteen; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late J. F. and Frankie Hatcher Shields, Mr. Shields graduated from Maryville High School in 1933; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding athlete, Stanley B. Shields attended Maryville College, where he played quarterback for the football team; he later attended the United State Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland where he was a diver for the swim team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shields returned to East Tennessee and earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, working with his father, Mr. Shields accepted a position with the A. C. Lawrence Leather Company after graduation; and

WHEREAS, he excelled in this position and was promoted to the company's sales office in New York; and

WHEREAS, in the mid 1940s, Mr. Shields returned to Tennessee and worked for Lowes Surgical Supply in Maryville; he later served as Vice President of Sales for Massey Surgical Supply Company of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, after 25 years of extraordinary salesmanship, Mr. Shields accepted a position with the Citizens Bank of Blount County, serving as the Director of Marketing before his much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, an honest and fair businessman, Mr. Shields enjoyed tremendous success in his every business endeavor; and

WHEREAS, throughout his professional career, Mr. Shields pursued his personal calling of public service through his work as a member of the Maryville School Board; and

WHEREAS, he served on the School Board from 1951 to 1953; his remarkable tenure there was marked by his extraordinary leadership abilities and his unflagging commitment to seeking the best interests of the community; and

WHEREAS, after fulfilling his duties as a School Board member, Mr. Shields diligently served on the Maryville City Council from 1965 until his retirement in 1999; and from 1967 to 1999, he served with acumen and alacrity as the Mayor of Maryville; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure as Mayor, he earned the unbridled respect of his peers and fellow citizens for his exemplary dedication to the community; and

WHEREAS, Stanley B. Shields' many accomplishments during his mayoral terms proved instrumental to the development of Maryville; as Mayor, Mr. Shields played a prominent role in bringing Denso Manufacturing Tennessee, Inc. to Maryville; extending Lamar Alexander Highway, developing the Foothills Mall, completing the Greenway Trail and the Greenbelt Park,

creating affordable housing for low income elderly and disabled people; and constructing operations centers for the utility and public works departments; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these achievements, Mr. Shields helped to secure the library, several industrial parks and created several community rehabilitation projects; he also assisted in the creation of a regional wastewater treatment plant and two fire stations; and

WHEREAS, due largely to his outstanding efforts, the Maryville community's population grew from 11,700 to 21,085 during Mr. Shields tenure; and

WHEREAS, during his outstanding tenure as mayor, Mr. Shields earned numerous honors and awards, including the 1979 Tennessee Municipal League's Mayor of the Year Award, the Distinguished Service Award from Maryville College and the 1997 Pride of Tennessee Award; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement as mayor, Maryville College announced the establishment of the Skeeter and Francis Shields Scholarship Fund to honor his numerous civic accomplishments; Citizens Bank also announced a \$40,000 endowment fund for scholarships for Maryville High School graduates in honor of the civic contributions made by Mr. Shields; and

WHEREAS, a man dedicated to the people of the community, Mr. Shields served as the public address announcer for the Maryville High School home football games from 1947 to 1999; and

WHEREAS, due to his outstanding service, Maryville High School honored Mr. Shields by naming the football stadium Shields Stadium; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shields' outstanding career as a businessman and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and perseverance, and his uncommon ability to relate to people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, a man of impeccable character, Mr. Shields was an active and devout lifelong member of the First Methodist Church of Maryville, where he served as Chairman of the Board; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, J. F. and Frankie Hatcher Shields; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shields was the widower of Mary Frances Dunlap Shields, with whom he enjoyed many years of loving companionship; and

WHEREAS, a loving father and devoted father, he will be greatly missed by his son, Steve and daughter-in-law, Martha, his daughter, Karen, his three grandchildren, Whitney, Stephen and Stephanie, and great-granddaughter, Madison; and

WHEREAS, Stanley B. Shields will be lovingly remembered by the people of Maryville; and

WHEREAS, he was a gentleman who held to the highest standards of morality and decency, serving as a friend and neighbor to all those he encountered; and

WHEREAS, Stanley B. Shields leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mr. Stanley B. Shields, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Stanley B. Shields.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

